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SUBJ: LOS: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: (A) STATE 213536, (B) OSLO 4196

1. BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND AND AMBASSADOR WERE UNAVAILABLE AUG 28 SO DCM CONTACTED MFA POL DIRECTOR VIBE TO DISCUSS SECRETARY'S LETTER CONTAINED STATE 213536. DCM STRESSED IMPORTANCE USG CONTINUES TO ATTACH TO SUCCESSFUL LOS CONFERENCE AND ENDURING US BELIEF THAT WITH A SERIOUS EFFORT THIS CAN STILL BE ACHIEVED.

2. AFTER REVIEWING CONTENT SECRETARY'S LETTER, DCM NOTED THAT SECRETARY PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK SEPT 1 FOR MEETING WITH SOME OF CONFERENCE LEADERS. IN LIGHT OF THIS DCM SAID EMBASSY HAD HEARD THAT NORWEGIAN LOS DEL HEAD MINISTER EVENSEN PLANNED RETURN BRIEFLY OSLO AT END OF AUGUST. WHILE SECRETARY'S LETTER DID NOT INDICATE WHICH DELS SECRETARY INTENDED TO MEET WITH, DCM ASKED VIBE IF EVENSEN WOULD BE THERE.

3. VIBE REITERATED STANDARD NORWEGIAN POSITION SIMILAR TO OURS ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL LOS CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY LOCATE FOREIGN MINISTER OVER WEEKEND TO BRIEF HIM ON SECRETARY'S LETTER THOUGH HE WAS NOT CERTAIN HE WOULD BE ABLE CONTACT FRYDENLUND. VIBE SAID IN ANY CASE HE WILL TRANSMIT SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO NORWAY'S LOS DEL IN NEW YORK.

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4. VIBE CONFIRMED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE EVENSEN CURRENTLY PLANS

RETURN OSLO FOR SEPT 2 CABINET MEETING SO PRESUMED HE WOULD NOT BE
IN NEW YORK SEPT 1. DCM REPEATED THAT LETTER DID NOT INDICATE WHO
SECRETARY WISHED TO MEET WITH, BUT VIBE SAID HE FELT JUST SAME IT
WOULD BE WISE FOR EVENSEN TO REMAIN IN NEW YORK IF POSSIBLE.
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